

35,000 STRIKE TO-DAY, ENDING 6 YEARS TRUCE

Walkout of Shirtwaist and
Dress Makers May Affect
40,000 Other Workers.

MAJORITY ARE WOMEN

Right of Discharge Is Involved

—Paterson Faces Silk
Mill Shutdown.

All the workers in the waist and dress-making industries, about 35,000 operatives, have been ordered to go on a general strike at 10 o'clock this morning.

The decision to break the peace which has existed in this branch of the garment trade for six years was reached at a meeting of the general strike committee yesterday in its headquarters, 31 Union Square.

The walkout follows the failure of the union leaders to get the manufacturers to meet their demands for a forty-four hour work week and an increase in wages, following the extraction of the protocol which kept harmony between employers and workers. The association representing the shop owners declined to accede to these terms unless the right to discharge workers, which they had in modified form in the six year agreement, was reserved to them.

40,000 Others Affected.

Not only the union shops affected in the Dress and Waist Manufacturers Association, but also the independent concerns operated under contract with the union, are expected to follow the plans of the strike committee. As this is the start of the busy season, in preparation for the spring trade, the manufacturers are expected to interfere seriously with the work of about 40,000 other persons employed in allied industries, such as the embroidery and dressmaking trades. At the same time comes the threat of an impending strike of 25,000 silk workers in Paterson.

Benjamin Schlesinger, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' union, issued a statement, which follows in part:

"We have done all within our power to avert this strike. When we presented our demands to the Dress and Waist Manufacturers' Association for a forty-four hour work week and for an increase in wages, we were met with a refusal to submit to arbitration. The manufacturers declined to accept our offer for arbitration and began to discharge workers wholesale and in detail. At the same time they have locked out the last four days alone from ten to twelve thousand workers have been locked out from their shops, and this action has made the strike inevitable."

"We expect that the undivided sympathy of the entire city will be with the workers and that the unbusiness public will not be in the least affected by the strike. The manufacturers' association that the workers are not loyal to our country. These same workers have been fighting for the liberty of the world and for the rights of the oppressed for many years. During the last summer thousands of them worked without compensation sewing garments for the American Red Cross."

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Schlesinger said that two months before the expiration of the protocol on December 31, 1918, and in accordance with the terms of the previous conference, the union presented to the Dress and Waist Manufacturers' Association requests for a renewal of the agreement, under which the workers were to be reduced five hours per week and the pay raised 15 per cent. The manufacturers, he asserted, refused to renew the agreement and the union would exercise its right to discharge employees at its discretion. They demanded the abolition of the committee on immediate action, the letter addressed, which under the original protocol formed a board of representatives from both sides for reviewing discharges that were protested.

The employers, on the other hand, maintained that the strike was ended and the question of the renewal came up for the labor leaders were laying plans for a strike. Morris Weiss, president of the manufacturers' association, said yesterday:

"Last September the union made a levy of a day's pay on all its members in preparation for this strike. The proprietors asserted that wherever workers had been laid off it was because of slack periods in the shops and had not been due to any desire to anticipate the strike with a lockout. On the other hand, they contended that before there was any official order from union headquarters to close the shops had been closed. They pointed specifically to the case of Son & Ash, waist makers at 105 Madison avenue. There, it was said, the arrangements made by the owners satisfied all but 20 among the 150 girls. The restlessness among the workers, they said, was caused by a short circuit, caused damage to desks and papers in the storehouse of the Board of Estimate Department. Employees put out the blaze before the arrival of the firemen."

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TIMES SQUARE ALPS ARE FAST MELTING

Subway Builders' Mountains
in the Centre Vanish.

A three page announcement that any citizen with fair eyesight can now stand on either side of Times Square and discern quite clearly objects on the other side, fully 100 feet away, was justifiably rushed to the newspapers by the Broadway Association yesterday.

During four years of subway digging, building, altering, repairing, disjoining and rejoining, the once open space of Times Square has been filled with shanties, derelicts, sign boards, fences, girders, sewer and water pipes, sand, toilet boxes and the profanity of circumlocution. In the midst of the appalling mass, an air compressor emitted a music like a stone crushing machine and in the chinks was a muffled defensive system of trenches.

Well, sir, month ago the Broadway Association decided that Hercules must be disinterred. The archeologists have worked so fast that at noon yesterday the last iron girder of the contractor's office and storehouse at Forty-fourth street was pulled down.

Hundreds of debris are still left but are being removed quickly and across their tops, as has been intimated, the whole square is visible for the first time in four years. It is even possible to stand on the sidewalks and see the other side of the street. The square is now a clean, open space, and the Broadway Association feels so cheerful that it says:

"What has taken place in Times Square is regarded as a step in the beginning of a better day for Broadway in its entire length from Bowling Green to Spuyten Duyvil."

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ROBBERS SLAY PAIR; PLUSH HAT IS CLEW

Saloon Keeper Is Fatally Shot
After Wife Is Killed Trying
to Aid Him.

BANDITS FLEE; MISS CASH
Linger in Queens Bar
Until Proprietor Is Alone
and Attempt Holdup.

A woman who tried to save her husband by springing between him and the muzzle of three pistols aimed at him by robbers was shot dead early yesterday in South Ozone Park, Queens. Then across her body they shot the husband and he died in a hospital.

The man and wife whose lives were thus abruptly ended were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holbach. They had a combination saloon and dance hall at Rockaway Boulevard and Leahy avenue, known as Holbach's Hall. On Sunday night there was dancing. At midnight the couples left, but four men stayed at a table in a small room back of the bar, drinking beer. They were passably drunk, looked like Sicilians and chattered much among themselves. Holbach, who waited on them, thought he recognized one of them as an Italian he had known slightly in Astoria seven years ago, but did not say anything.

Four in Sudden Attack.

Mrs. Holbach had left the kitchen and gone up stairs to her room. Between 1 and 2 o'clock her husband told the four table drinkers that they would have to leave as he was going to lock up. They said that was all right, and asked when the next trolley car would pass.

Holbach did not know for sure. One of the men, who was dressed in a suit and a hat, and in the meantime, he inquired. His companions went into a lavatory. Holbach sleepily busied himself about the bar.

He suddenly was a rush from the lavatory and a cry, "Hands up!" Turning, Holbach saw three revolvers pointed at him.

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Iron Moulder Thumps Wife With Platter When She
Offers F. X. B. Cognomen for Baby
Boy at Christening.

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The argument continued for some minutes, until the arrival of the police and an ambulance from Roosevelt Hospital. Bleeding and incensed, the parents were bundled into the vehicle.

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PUEBLO BRINGS 1,526 MORE TROOPS HOME

Armored Cruiser Buffeted by
Storms in 13 Day Journey
From Brest.

The armored cruiser Pueblo, credited
with a transatlantic round trip of seventeen
days, was swatted by tempestuous seas on the passage she finished yesterday
from Brest and was thirteen wild days on the windy way. The blast started on the day before she left the French harbor and her bowers were necessary to keep her from being driven
back by the wind.

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GRINDS ORGAN IN \$35,000,000 HUNT

Joel Feldman, Arrested for
Making Music Box a Nuisance,
Reveals Story.

CLAIMS A BIG ESTATE

Left Poland Twenty Years
Ago to Get Fortune of
California Miner.

Joel Feldman, organ grinder in the streets of New York for eighteen years, was arrested yesterday in the Harlem Police Court for grinding his organ as late as 11 P. M.

Feldman, who wears a shirt made of green carpet and decorated with faded red flowers, a sleeveless coat fastened tightly under his chin and about his body by safety pins, has shuffled about in almost every block in the city.

But the people who dropped pennies or nickels into his tin cup did not know that the money would probably go to establish a claim to an estate of \$35,000,000, or that beneath that patched coat of many colors reposed proof in queer looking Russian documents of the organ grinder's inheritance, an inheritance that for the past twenty years he vainly has been endeavoring to collect.

Feldman's father, died, died yellow papers did not exist in court yesterday. Patrolman James E. O'Donnell, who had been grinding his organ for some time, was arrested for making a nuisance of himself by playing his organ at night.

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DEATH CELL BARBER OUT AFTER 20 YEARS

Safety Razor Made His Sing
Sing Tasks Lighter.

The one barber in the world who
halled the invention of the safety razor
with unbounded joy turned his back on
Sing Sing prison yesterday and promised
himself the comfort of a close shave and
a haircut this morning in somebody
else's chair.

He is Henry Dorset, 55, and for twenty years he has been the official barber to the inmates of Sing Sing's death house and the prison hospital as well. When he killed his wife in Brooklyn the safety razor had not come and Dorset was compelled to shave the death house inmates with the old fashioned blades. It was a ticklish task; since the nerves of a man on his way to the electric chair could be expected to be none too steady. So Dorset's work for a number of years was accomplished with a couple of guards standing at his side.

The coming of the safety razor helped Dorset out of some of his troubles, but he still had to guard against the theft of his blades. Among the well known inmates of the death house to whom Dorset ministered were Albert T. Patrick, Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, Roland Molloy and a score of others. His term of service was to end last night, and he was coming back to New York to see what had happened here in the twenty years he was away.

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